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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above identified application, please amend as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claim 1 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please add the following new claims:

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--15. An array of nucleic acids comprising a solid support having a plurality of regions,  
each region comprising an electrode comprising a self-assembled mixed monolayer  
comprising:

a) blocking moieties, having a first end attached to said electrode, wherein  
said blocking moieties shield nucleic acids from said electrode; and